Chitty Act of 1120.

263. MR. K. A. MUHAMMED : Will the Honourable Minister for Registration be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Honourable Minister is aware that there are many flaws in the actual working of the Chitty Act of 1120; and

(*b*) whether the Honourable Minister intends to amend the Act in the near future ?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN : (*a*) Certain defects have been observed.

(*b*) The question of amending the Chitties Act is under consideration.

Files of the Tiruvalla Taluk Rationing Office.

269. MR. K. S. JOSEPH (*Tiruvalla VI—General*) ; Will the Honourable Minister for Food be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether certain files of the Thiruvalla Taluk Rationing Office were discovered to be missing early this year;

(*b*) if so, whether these files have since been recovered;

(*c*) whether house searches of certain respectable persons—Congressmen—were made in this connection;

(*d*) if so, whether any of the files were thus recovered;

(*e*) at whose instance the searches were made;

(*f*) who were responsible for the custody of these files; and

(*g*) what steps if any were taken against such custodians?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Certain files of the Thiruvalla Taluk Rationing Office were discovered to be missing. These files have not yet been recovered.

(*c*) The houses of Mr. Chacko Puthicote and Mr. Joseph Kaniyanthra are reported to have been searched.

(*d*) No files were thus recovered.

(*e*) The searches were made by the Police at the instance of the Tahsildar.

(*f*) The section clerks were responsible for the custody of the files.

(*g*) The clerks and the peon concerned have been transferred from that office. The matter is still under Police investigation.

MR. K. R. ELANKATH: സ്ഥലം മാറ്റം ഒരു ശിക്ഷയാണോ?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH : ചുരുക്കം ചില കേസുകളിൽ അതു് ശിക്ഷയായിരിക്കും.

Areas fit for paddy cultivation.

270. MR. E. P. PAULOSE (*Moovattupuzha III—General*) : Will the Honourable Minister for Land be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government are aware that there are extensive areas fit for paddy cultivation in Kanthalloor pakuthy in Devicolam taluk ;

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